

Joint California - Ukraine Civilian Military

Medical Disaster Workshop

"ARough and Ready 2003"

June 3 - 8, 2003

Lviv, Ukraine



Preliminary Application Information
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Applicant Information

The State of California is seeking volunteer applicants from California Disaster Medical Assistance Teams for a joint US-Ukrainian earthquake workshop tentatively scheduled for June 3-8, 2003. The actual event site will likely be in the western part of the Ukraine, near Lviv.

The California National Guard is the sponsoring agency through the State Partnership Program. The Ukrainian Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Emergencies, and Ministry of Health will be participants from the Ukraine.

This will be primarily a medical event. We would be working with the Ukrainians in a simulated earthquake event, similar in nature to the California DMAT exercises.

The workshop event will take place at a Ukrainian Training facility near Lviv, in the western portion of the Ukraine. It is anticipated that the team will be housed at the training center and that food will be in a mess facility at the training center with the Ukrainian participants.

The team will arrive and depart together. At this time, transportation may be via Ukrainian IL-76 transport planes from California to Ukraine. This transportation methodology will likely not have some of the amenities found on commercial airline services. I am unsure of any available free time during the time in country; however, we are trying to have a day at the end of the event designated for cultural events.

The total team must be compatible with our mission for an earthquake response. We will be determining what the operational team will look like. It will consist of a balance of MDs, nurses, paramedics, etc to form an operational team. Everyone will be a participant, so we will not be able to select observers. Since each team member will be an individual ambassador from the US contingent, we will be looking for people who are team players and work well with others, as opposed to possessing the best technical skills.

We will notify NDMS and request that they examine this mission for support; however, if that support is not forthcoming, EMSA will proceed with alternative mission planning with respect to equipment and supplies.

Some details are not available at this time since we are about a year away from the event. Consequently, the information here is subject to change.

Purpose of Event

The goal of this is focused upon engaging the Ukrainians and working through the process cooperatively. The purpose of this event is to jointly work through a disaster situation. We will learn as much from the Ukrainians as they learn from us, if not more. The purpose of this trip is also to work with the Ukrainian medical contingent to develop a sense of cooperation and friendship.

Who is going?

It is estimated that the entire contingent from California will total from 100 to 200 participants, depending upon funding availability and transport capability. These participants will be from the California National Guard and EMSA.

At this time, the total civilian contingent is not known but estimated to be between 40-80 participants. EMSA will be seeking participants for the operations center and DMAT participants.

Team Organization

Dan Smiley from EMSA will serve as the primary civilian leader for this event and as such will attempt to coordinate the activities of with the civilian and Military side of this event. This is BOTH a civilian and military event and we must work closely together.

Projected Itinerary (2003)

June 1	Pre-Deployment Briefing
June 2	Departure from California
June 3	Arrival in Lviv, Ukraine
June 4	Equipment Check, Setup, and Demo Day
June 5	Event Phase I
June 6	Event Phase II
June 7	Post-Event Briefing and Cultural Activities
June 8	Departure
June 9	Return to California

Location of the Event

Yavorivsky Training Center, Ukraine

Selection Process

The selection of team members will be based upon a number of factors. Every effort will be made to balance the number of team members from each of the California DMAT teams.

Recommendations will be solicited from the DMAT Unit Commanders, however, the selection by EMSA is final.

Priority for selection will be given to those with Ukrainian or Russian language capabilities, prior Rough and Ready experience, and specific skills required for the mission. Those individuals with multiple skill sets will be a valuable asset also.

At this time, there may be a requirement for 24-hour operations center personnel, DMAT personnel, Surgical personnel, Pre-hospital personnel, HazMat (NMRT-type) personnel, health personnel, and other logistical staff. It is possible that some urban search and rescue personnel may be included also. Additionally, some personnel may be tasked with assisting in moulage, and setting up the scenario.

Each applicant must have an e-mail address that is checked routinely in order to be considered for the workshop. Prior experience has shown that this is the only efficient way to communicate

information about this event.

Reimbursement

Funding for this program through the State Partnership program is still considered likely. Funding for Travel and Per Diem food and lodging will be through the CA ANG funding program. No reimbursement for salary or honoraria is available. Hopefully, this could be part of any training time available by the regular employer.

Passports and Visa

A current passport will be required. Ukraine visas will be obtained for those team members that have been selected (plus several standby positions). These visa costs are reimbursable.

Recommended Immunizations

Each participant should have the following immunizations. These immunizations should be recorded in the yellow@immunization record from the World Health Organization.

Flu

MMR (mumps, measles, rubella)

Typhoid (Oral Vivotif)

DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus) booster

Polio booster with inactivated vaccine (SQ)

Menningococcal

Pneumococcal (Pneumovax)

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis B

Health and Fitness

This will be a rigorous physical event. Participants should be in excellent health and physical condition. The hours of operation will be long and sleep will not be readily available.

Selected participants should be within recommended height/weight tables. The participants should be in excellent health and will be requested to sign an affidavit to that effect. As the medical care in Ukraine is generally below expected standards in the U.S., EMSA would like to minimize the chance of hospitalization in Ukraine.

Language

The official language of the County of Ukraine is Ukrainian. Ukrainian is widely spoken in the western portion of Ukraine near Lviv. However, Russian is also widely spoken throughout the country.

For the purpose of this event, familiarization with either Ukrainian or Russian terms and usage would be appropriate.

Pre-Deployment Briefings

It is anticipated that a pre-deployment briefing and team meeting will occur prior to departure. At this time, the pre-deployment briefing will occur on June 1 just prior to departure.

These briefings will include a review of procedures, cultural considerations, force protection briefings, and other critical information necessary to make the event safe and successful.

Transportation

Transportation may be by Ukraine IL-76 aircraft air transportation. This mode of transportation will not be as comfortable as commercial transportation nor have some of the normal amenities.

Housing

Barracks at the Yavorivsky Training Center will be used to billet the participants.

Food and Water

Food will be provided at the Yavorivsky Training Center through the mess hall.

Electrical Power

Two prong, 220 v 50 cycle power is used.

Clothing

EMSA will make contact with USPHS to discuss this issue. However, at this time the individuals selected will be part of a California EMS Authority event with the CA ANG. In fact, with respect to clothing and uniforms, we will designate the types of clothing to be worn during the event.

Money to Bring

The Ukraine is a cash economy. Recommend that \$200-300 be brought.

Climate

The weather in June in the Lviv area is pleasant. It is usually warm and sunny. However, rain can be common during this time.

Other Information

Other specific information will become available as the process proceeds.

This package of information is designed to provide the applicant a brief summary of the medical workshop and some of the expectations related to the event.